



President's Corner

Regulars,



What a spectacular 250th Birthday celebration, I



am glad I was alive to witness both this celebration as well as the 200th back in 1976! My eyes were glued to the television for the entire celebration (a late night for me). I was contacted in late July by **LTC Alex**

Wray (1-68 Armor Commander) that the 1st Battalion 22nd Infantry colors would be unfurled in the near future. The speed of that uncasing was unprecedented. The ceremony occurred upon the completion of 4th Infantry Division's NTC rotation at Ft Irwin in August. **LTC Wray** is transitioning and



refurbishing the battalion headquarters (2nd Floor of the 3rd Brigade, 4th ID at Ft Carson) to

commemorate this event. I visited with **Alex** on 10 September to discuss all of his plans for the lengthy transition of battalion from an Armor Battalion to an Infantry Stryker Battalion. There are significant changes in MOS's, 50% increase in personnel and



manpower, much more complex training requirements, and of course incorporation of the old goats and the burdens associated with an active regimental society wanting to participate in organizational activities of the battalion. Drop me an email if you're interested in visiting with, and attending 1st Battalion events at Ft Carson. Deeds not Words!

There were several other Regimental activities this summer primarily with our sister organization



in France/Belgium (22nd Infantry Regiment France). They dedicated a monument as part of the 24-26 July 2026 tour of the Normandy battlefields with Karen Marshall and her family (her father was a member of our regiment that fought in WWII). I had the opportunity to visit with our brethren 13-16 August 2026 in Belgium. It was an outstanding three days of activities. On 13 August Julien, Ophelie, and I had a chance to lay a 22nd Infantry wreath as part of the Menin Gate wreath ceremony in Ypres, Belgium. Ophelie's parents and daughter Louise were also in attendance.

A couple days later we had a BBQ in Julien's backyard with many of our teammates from the 22nd IRF. Several drove for over 6 hours to be in attendance! The food was outstanding that camaraderie was priceless!



Loic and Julien
(President and Vice President 22nd IRF) plan to attend to 22nd Infantry Regiment Reunion 12-14

August 2027 at the Embassy Suites Springfield near Washington DC.

Joe Dichairo and Roger Schultz are aggressively coordinating our next Reunion. Our December Newsletter will have all the finalized details for registration and reservations. Mark your calendars and set aside the dates for 12-14 August 2026. This will be an outstanding event of Brotherhood and Camaraderie in Washington DC!

Check out the updated PX items as they become available as the PX has transitioned to Ruben Nambo. I want to thank each and every one of you for your service to this nation ensuring our freedoms.

Lt. John Sisson's Family Honors the 22nd Infantry Regiment



During the weekend of July 24, 25, and 26, 2026, we organized the

reception and commemorations for the **Sisson-Marshall** family under the best possible conditions.

It all began 3 years ago when Karen contacted me to see if it would be possible to arrange their trip to Europe to follow in her father's footsteps. As someone who enjoys challenges, Julien and I looked into her story. Karen sent us her book to help with our research. It was successful. So, I decided to organize her stay with us. All that remained was to find an ideal date, which was quickly

set for July 2026. On her side, Karen took care of finding out how many people would be coming. I won't hide the fact that 17 was a significant number and, above all, a first for us. But I wasn't afraid and began the planning.

We came up with the idea of creating a commemorative plaque in tribute to the 22nd at the Azeville battery site (a German battery captured by the regiment in June 1944). Unfortunately, a last-minute detail caused our project to fall through. Always able to bounce back and with a taste for adventure and challenges, I suggested to Karen: in that case, why not revive her father's idea from the 1970s of creating a monument for his men at Fontenay Castle?

Karen was delighted, and we took over the organization. I then contacted the owners of the site, and we reached an agreement to organize everything, as well as with all the private individuals who would be involved in our historical route—farmers, the mayor, the museum...

Everything fell into place, and our commemorative plaque became more and more of a reality. Thanks to Julien's hard work, our knowledge of his father and his unit allowed us to establish a program. So, we decided to do things as we usually do.

The schedule was decided as follows. On the evening of Thursday, July 24, a welcome dinner with Julien and Paul was arranged at our visitors' lodging in Sainte-Mère-Église. As for me, because of my son's surgery, I couldn't be there at the beginning and joined the group on



Saturday. On the morning of Saturday, July 25, Karen and her family were welcomed at our lodging for breakfast, during which we

explained how the day would unfold without revealing too much.

At 9:30 a.m., we set off for the American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer. We guided them to five graves



connected to Karen's father. It was a deeply emotional moment for our visitors.

I had booked them a table for lunch at the Roosevelt restaurant on Utah Beach. Meanwhile, we returned to the cottage to get ready for the historical tour that would begin on Utah Beach.

On the beach, we had the honor of meeting **Isaac Curtis Philip's** family, who would also be taking part in the weekend. We led our visitors onto the beach, where all the members of the 22nd Infantry France formed a guard of honor and gave each person a white rose to place in the water. Our chaplain said a prayer with them.

We also took the opportunity to show them the uniform used during D-Day.

Then we headed to La Madeleine to lay a wreath on Curtis's grave and begin the historical tour. He was going to lead our friends to various strategic locations



identified thanks to Julien's work. At each stop, we paused while Julien provided explanations. Meanwhile,

the members of the 22nd Infantry France put on various displays that closely reflected what had happened at the time, as recounted by Karen's father. Our route took us past the German battery at Azeville, where we had

arranged to meet the guide for a free guided tour. Once the tour was over, we resumed the route, passing by farms that had served as headquarters and later as aid stations before and during the Battle of Fontenay Castle.

The tour ended at the exact spot where her father was wounded and where several of his men were fatally hit by German fire. In a symbolic moment, Karen discovered a photograph of her father's best friend. She told us, "My father talked about him so much that it's as if I knew him, but I never managed to get a photo of him." Thanks to Julien and his research, that has now been done. We asked them to line up facing each of us for the presentation of the association's challenge coins. I had the honor of presenting one to Karen. On Saturday evening, we all gathered at the lodge, where a wonderful friendship dinner awaited us. The evening allowed everyone to get to know each other better and discuss many topics. (The magic box was very useful.)



On Sunday, July 26, we arranged to meet directly at the castle at 10:30 a.m. The plaque had been

installed and covered with a 48-star flag (the flag that Mark had sent for our various ceremonies). Quite a few people attended, and I informed those present that we were about to begin. I invited Karen to join me so I could give her the floor. She read us a beautiful, emotion-filled speech, and then it was my turn. I also read this speech in which I explained who they were, why we existed and why this plaque...

"Ladies and gentlemen, It is an honor for the members of the 22nd Infantry Regiment France and myself to be here with you today for the unveiling of this plaque in honor of the

heroes who fought in the Battle of Château de Fontenay.

*We are a group of amateur historians focused on the 4th Infantry Division—22nd Infantry Regiment of the United States Army. The reason for this choice stems from an exceptional encounter with a World War II hero: **Isaac Curtis Phillips**, a member of this regiment from June to September 1944.*

*Eager to trace Mr. Phillips's journey, we delved into his life story. This historical research led to the formation of sincere friendships across the Atlantic, such as with **John Tomawski**, the grandnephew of **Private Ernest Lavoie**, who died of his wounds in late July 1944, and **Mark Woempner**, President of the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society. He is the President of the association that brings together all veterans who have served in this regiment from World War II to the present day. For several years now, we have been proud to serve as their official representative in Europe.*

It is thanks to this unique bond between our association and the one chaired by Mark Woempner that we had the genuine pleasure of meeting Karen three years ago. We were able to contribute, in our own small way, some information to help her write her book on the history of her father, John Sisson. We then engaged in lengthy email exchanges to prepare for her return to Normandy with her family. I can say today that I am proud of the work we have accomplished!

The book Karen wrote about her father offers a true immersion into the D-Day period. The quality of the documents her father wrote after the war made it possible to trace his journey from Utah Beach to the Château de Fontenay with great accuracy. Here is a brief summary...

***Second Lieutenant John Sisson** landed on June 6, 1944, as part of Company F, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, in the "Uncle Red" sector. He and his men, under the command of Captain Fulton, were tasked*

with advancing inland as quickly as possible... On the evening of June 6, he and his men ambushed a German convoy on the Ravenoville–Sainte-Mère-Eglise road... During the ensuing firefights, S/SGT Mead saved his life.

*The next day, he and a few of his men were sent west of the Azeville battery on a reconnaissance mission. The following day, June 8, the company to which Lt. Sisson belonged was tasked with capturing the Azeville battery... but was unsuccessful. It was thanks to assistance from the 2nd Battalion that the 3rd Battalion, commanded by **Colonel Teague**, captured the battery on June 9. At the end of that same day, the regiment moved toward the vicinity of the Château de Fontenay-sur-Mer...*

*The next day, Lt. Sisson's battalion received orders to advance and suppress the resistance in the area around the castle. It was during this attack that soldiers such as **Oscar Wirtzberger, James Barrett, Ralph Carter, Lieutenant Leonard Cook, and Captain Fulton** lost their lives... Many other soldiers were seriously wounded, including **Alfred Mead** and **Lt. Sisson**, 200 meters from here...*

*Forever... through the stories of **John Sisson, Curtis**, and **Ernest Lavoie**, we will remember the hardships they and their comrades endured during their youth... we will never forget them... ever!*

That is why, ladies and gentlemen, I invite you to observe a minute of silence...

*To the heroes who contributed to the liberation of France, to our late **Jean-François**, to the **Sisson-Marshall family**, to **Ann-Claude, Benjamin, Mélanie, Michael Belis**; the historian of the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society, the **Guillemette family, Mr. Fiquet, Mathieu Delamotte, Lisa Marie, Marlène Deschateaux, Mr. and Mrs. Groult, the Jaunet family, Mr. Comte, Mr. and Mrs. Leblond**, and to all those who support us through their*

invitations, testimonials, and trust... To each and every one of them, we say... thank you!

Together, let's ensure that future generations never forget the sacrifice of those thousands of young soldiers, members of the Resistance, and civilians who gave their lives for our freedom.

On behalf of the 22nd Infantry Regiment of France, thank you for your presence and your cooperation... and long live freedom!"



The 22nd Infantry France is proud to represent and honor the regiment in Europe and stands ready to welcome anyone who wishes to learn about its history during the Second World War.

Deeds, not words!

Loic Parent, HMOR
President
22nd Infantry Regiment, France

OLD GOAT VISIT TO FORT BENNING, GEORGIA



This past June members of the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society OLD GOATS SQUAD made the journey to Ft Benning, Georgia (from Arizona, California and Texas) for a Change of

Command event for the 75th Ranger Regiment. Assuming command was **Colonel Adam Armstrong**, which many of you remember as former commander of the 22nd Infantry Battalion at

Ft. Drum New York. The OLD GOATS were honored to get a personal invitation from Adam and Kim Armstrong to attend. Always nice to be able to go honor a former regiment brother!



The 22nd Regiment Society President **Mark Woempner, John Poggi and Lon**

Oakley were present at a variety of activities that included a Thursday visit to The National Infantry Museum. Of course it goes without saying that Mark's outstanding individual score led his team to victory in the Ranger Regiment Golf Tournament. Thursday concluded with a regiment social at the JARFLY restaurant in downtown Columbus, Georgia.

Events on Friday included attending the State of Ranger Regiment presentation, the awesome Change of Command inside Ft Benning's famed Marshall Auditorium, and concluded with a social evening at the Armstrong quarters on Ft Benning.

Back to Thursday's visit to the National Infantry Museum, it gave us the chance to stroll along Heritage



Walkway to section 22A where 134 pavers are present with names of 22nd Infantry Regiment brothers from Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan era. An additional 22nd Infantry Regiment Leadership (in color) paver is found next to 22A. A follow on stop at the 22nd Infantry Regiment Monument on the Walk of Honor gave us the opportunity to give pause in silence to the names of all those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice since the War of 1812. Thursday's visit ended inside the National Infantry Museum with a presentation of the unofficial Vietnam history

of 2/22nd Infantry “DEEDS NOT WORDS” historical book to NIM Operations Director **Karen Hoffmann** for the museum’s library. The book is over 500 pages edited by **David Allin** and **Steve Irvine**. Director Hoffmann was truly moved by the donation. In addition a second copy was provided to the Ft Benning Post Library’s shelves.



Friday’s Change of Command was a treat as we got to listen to senior Ranger leadership and observe the exchange of colors

between outgoing commander **Colonel Kitefre Oboho** and the incoming commander, our very own Colonel Adam Armstrong. Of noteworthy mention for me was walking the halls of the Building 4 Infantry Hall and the memories of my days at Infantry OCS just across the parking lot. NOTE: I could not miss the fact I got to witness my first experience in hearing an entire auditorium participate in the VERY LOUD AND PASSIONATE recitation of the Ranger Creed...IMPRESSIVE!!

Our visit drew to an end at Friday evening’s Open House Social

hosted at Colonel Armstrong and his wife Kim’s quarters. Mark presented Colonel Armstrong with a copy of DEEDS NOT WORDS book and John presented Kim with a floral plant. Nice touch guys. The gathering was one last chance for we OLD GOATS to visit with officers and noncommissioned officers from across the 75th Regiment. Truly the social time was an awesome end to the overall OLD GOAT visit to Ft Benning.



Lon Oakley, DMOR Captain Frank B. Reid



Frank Burrus Reid was born in Hickman, Fulton County, Kentucky on June 25, 1919. Prior to entering military service he was employed by E. I. DuPont De Nemours & Company in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. His religion was listed as Protestant.

He entered the Army as a Private, on October 2, 1941, and took his initial training at Camp Wheeler, Georgia. He attended Officers Candidate School and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant of Infantry. He was assigned to Anti-Tank Company 22nd Infantry on April 4, 1944 as a 1st Lieutenant. Reid landed on Utah Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944 with Anti-Tank Company. He served with his Company during the attack toward Cherbourg.

On July 2, 1944 the Commander of Company C 22nd Infantry, **Captain Robert B. Latimer**, was assigned to the position of Executive Officer of 1st Battalion 22nd Infantry. Reid was transferred to Company C and became the Company Commander. Reid was promoted to Captain on July 19, 1944.

On July 28, 1944 Captain Reid led a patrol of 12 men into the town of Moyon, to knock out a German anti-tank gun that was delaying the advance of 1st Battalion. The patrol located the gun at a cross road in the town, and using rifle fire and grenades, were able to force the gun crew to abandon their gun. The patrol immediately received heavy machine gun fire from an enemy tank concealed in an orchard behind the gun. Reid withdrew his patrol through the town, and flanked the orchard, which enabled his bazooka man, **Private Joseph Sharkey**, to engage and destroy the tank.

A second tank behind the first opened up with its machine guns, and Reid maneuvered across the fire swept ground, advancing near the tank. He tossed two white phosphorous grenades over a hedge at it, which set it on fire and caused the crew to leave it. A column of German tanks coming down the road into the town now opened fire on Reid's patrol with machine guns and cannon fire. Private Sharkey fired the last of his bazooka rounds and stopped the lead tank. He then climbed on top of a hedgerow and fired his carbine at the enemy until he was severely wounded.

Reid then led his men back through the town in an attempt to return to his Company. As they reached the road running east from Moyon, they found that another column of German tanks had moved up that road toward the town, and the leading tank was barring their way across the road. The patrol now had no ammunition other than two white phosphorous grenades, one fragmentation grenade, and small arms ammunition. Reid took the two white phosphorous grenades, crept up close to the tank, and tossed the grenades under the tank. The tank started to back up, but it was already on fire from the grenades.

Meanwhile, the smoke from the grenades formed a screen across the road, and under this cover the patrol got across and rejoined the company, except for Sharkey and two other men whom Captain Reid had left to take care of Sharkey. They rejoined the Company later.

Major Latimer (who by then had become a Major and Commander of 1st Battalion) recommended Reid for the Distinguished Service Cross. The recommendation was downgraded, and in Headquarters 1st Army, General Order No. 10 (1946) Frank Reid was awarded the Silver Star.

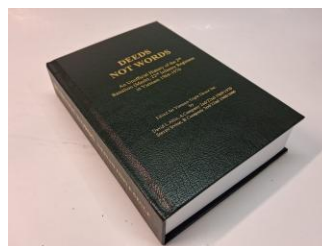
On September 14, 1944, the 22nd Infantry penetrated into Germany near the village of Sellerich. In a lull in the fighting, Reid entered a disabled enemy tank. The German tanks had a small heater, which was coveted

by the G.I.s, to use to heat up their rations. As Reid was removing the heater, he tripped a booby trap, which fatally wounded him. He died on the battlefield.

Frank B. Reid was buried in the temporary U.S. Military Cemetery, Fosse Cemetery, at Namur, Belgium, and in the 1947-1949 time frame, his remains were returned to the United States, where he was laid to his final rest in Hickman City Cemetery, Hickman, Fulton County, Kentucky.

Michael D. Belis, DMOR
22nd Infantry Regiment Society Historian

LAST CHANCE



This may be your last chance to purchase a leather-bound copy of our book, **DEEDS NOT WORDS**, an unofficial history of

Triple Deuce in Vietnam. The book is a collection of articles written by Triple Deuce Vietnam veterans and submitted to our newsletter over the last thirty years, along with over fifty photographs previously posted to our website. Arranged chronologically by the dates the incidents happened, it tells the true inside story of what it was like to serve in that war. The stories range from humorous to tragic, and from exciting to banal. The book also includes a list of all Triple Deuce members who were killed in action, and a glossary of Vietnam era infantry terms. Printed on high quality paper and bound in leather, this is an heirloom book that every man who has served in Triple Deuce and their family members should have.

We have only a few copies of the book left, so if you want one for yourself, or a family member, or a friend, act now before they are all



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2027 Scholarships

We are now accepting applications for the 2027 Scholarship. Requirements for scholarship:

- A. Served with the 22nd Infantry Regiment.
- B. Be a direct relation (son, daughter, or grandchild of person that served with 22nd Infantry Regiment. (To include legally adoptive child)
- C. Be an active member of the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society, with three (3) years of current active membership. Deceased must have had three (3) of active membership.

Applications should be received by **May 31, 2027.**

If you would like a scholarship application or have questions, please contact Skip Fahel at eqf2215@gmail.com

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